Fake passport racket

†2862. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have got any information about those people who went abroad on the basis of fake passports and documents during March, 1999 to December, 2002;

(b) if so, the total number of such people;

(c) the names of the countries where such people are living alongwith the numbers thereof, and

(d) the number of people regard to whom Government have initiate action for bring them back to the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (d) Sincere efforts are made to detect the persons attempting to travel abroad on the basis of fake passports and travel documents. 1344 such Indian nationals were detected at various International Airports during 2002. However, the possibility of some persons going abroad on the basis of fake documents undetected cannot be ruled out and in such cases it is not possible to maintain data of such undetected persons living abroad.

Visas to Pakistani Nationals

2863. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistani nationals to whom visas were issued for permanent stay in India during the last three years, year-wise, and

(b) the criteria adopted for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) During the last three years a total number

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